

In the Court of Appeals of the State of Alaska

Ronald Dean Sackett,
Appellant,

v.

State of Alaska,
Appellee.

Court of Appeals No. **A-13716**

Order

Date of Order: **10/2/2020**

Trial Court Case No. **3KN-10-01858CR**

Appellant Ronald D. Sackett is currently represented at public expense by Renee McFarland, an attorney from the Public Defender Agency. Ms. McFarland has requested that the Public Defender Agency be allowed to withdraw from this appeal because it has a conflict of interest. She explains that she has asked the Office of Public Advocacy to stipulate to the substitution of counsel, but that office has not yet been able to accept the case.

The superior court, after recently finding that Mr. Sackett is entitled to the assistance of counsel at public expense, appointed the Public Defender Agency. When the Public Defender Agency is unable to represent an appellant because of a conflict of interest, representing the appellant becomes the responsibility of the Office of Public Advocacy.

Accordingly, **IT IS ORDERED:**

1. The motion to allow the Public Defender Agency to withdraw from this appeal is **GRANTED**.

2. The Office of Public Advocacy is appointed to represent Mr. Sackett in this appeal. That office shall assign an attorney to represent Mr. Sackett, and shall direct

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that attorney to file entry of appearance with the Office of the Appellate Clerk by or
before **October 23, 2020**.

Entered under the authority of Chief Judge Allard.

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